

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The matter is receiving the attention of MRTD Commission.

(d) White Cement is a delicensed item and its production is determined by the demand position.

In the Budget for 1992-93, the basic excise duty on white cement has been reduced from 40% to 5%.

### **Rate of Industrial growth**

4556. SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the over-all rate of growth between April 1991 and March 31 1992 in industrial production;

(b) the names of industrial sectors which have shown a higher rate of growth;

(c) the names of industrial sectors which have shown a lower rate of growth; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to improve the industrial rate of growth

during year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) According to the latest Index of Industrial Production as compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation the overall rate of growth during April-November, 1991 over April-November 1990 was -0.8%.

(b) and (c). a statement is enclosed.

(d) Government has brought out a statement on a statement on Industrial Policy which was tabled in the Lok Sabha on 24th July 1991. The New Industrial Policy is aimed at improving industrial production by relaxing controls and removing bureaucratic delays. Many policy measures announced in the Union Budget for 1992-93 are designed to promote industrial growth. Thus, measures like partial convertibility of the rupees, reduction of duties on capital goods, and elimination of import licensing except for a small negative list, etc would facilitate easier availability of raw materials, components etc while measures like reduction in statutory liquidity ratio and reduction in interest rate would facilitate easier availability of funds at lower cost for industrial development.

## STATEMENT

*Growth Rate of Index of Industrial Production*

Code	Industry	Weight	% Growth Rate April-Nov. 1991 April- Nov. 1990
20-21	Mfr. of food Products	5.327	1.5
22	Mfr. of Beverages, Tobacco & Tobacco	1.571	9.3
23	Mfr. of Cotton Textiles	12.309	2.6
25	Mfr. of Jute, Hemp & Mesta Textiles	1.999	1.8
26.	Mfr. of Textile Products - Others	0.817	-2.9
27.	Mfr. of Wood & Wood Products	0.448	-1.5
28.	Mfr. of Paper & Paper Products	3.325	5.6
29.	Mfr. of Leather & Fur Products	0.489	-5.2
30.	Mfr. of Rubber, Plastic etc.	4.000	-2.4
31.	Mfr. of Chemicals & Chemical Pds.	12.513	1
32.	Mfr. of Non-Metallic Mineral Pds.	2.999	8.6
33.	Basic Metal & Alloy Industries	9.802	7.9

Code	Industry	Weight	% Growth Rate April-Nov. 1991 April-Nov. 1990
34.	Mfr. of Metal Products	2.288	-1.6
35.	Mfr. of Non-Electrical Machinery	6.240	-2.8
36.	Mfr. of Electrical Machinery	5.779	-18.2
37.	Mfr. of Transport Equipment	6.386	-3.1
38.	Mfr. of Other Manufacturing Industries	0.905	-18.9
VIVN			
III	MANUFACTURING	77.107	-2.5
I	MINING & QUARRYING	11.464	-1
II	ELECTRICITY GENERATION	11.429	9.2
	GENERAL INDEX	100.000	-0.8

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